

transfer agent for purchase, redemption or transfer. In addition, the rule requires transfer agents to report to the appropriate regulatory agency in the event of a failure to post certificate detail to the master securityholder file within 5 business days of the time required by Rule 17Ad-10. Also, transfer agents must maintain a copy of each report prepared under Rule 17Ad-11 for a period of three years following the date of the report. This recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule.

Because the information required by Rule 17Ad-11 is already available to transfer agents, any collection burden for small transfer agents is minimal. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with Rule 17Ad-11 is one hour annually. Based upon past submissions, the total burden is 150 hours annually for transfer agents.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-11 is three years following the date of a report prepared pursuant to the rule. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-11 is mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Extension:

Rule 17Ad-13; SEC File No. 270-263; OMB Control No. 3235-0275.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

- Rule 17Ad-13 Annual Study and Evaluation of Internal Accounting Control.

Rule 17Ad-13 requires approximately 200 registered transfer agents to obtain an annual report on the adequacy of internal accounting controls. In addition, transfer agents must maintain copies of any reports prepared pursuant to Rule 17Ad-13 plus any documents prepared to notify the Commission and appropriate regulatory agencies in the event that the transfer agent is required to take any corrective action. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. Small transfer agents are exempt from Rule 17Ad-13.

The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary for each transfer agent to comply with Rule 17Ad-13 is one hundred seventy-five hours annually. The total burden is 35,000 hours annually for transfer agents, based upon past submissions.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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Extension:

Rule 24; SEC File No. 270-129; OMB Control No. 3235-0126.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for an extension of the previously OMB approved rule 24 (17 C.F.R. 250.24) under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. 79a *et seq.*) ("Act").

Rule 24 under the Act requires the filing with the Commission of certain information indicating that an authorized transaction has been carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Commission order authorizing the transaction. The Commission needs the information under rule 24 to ensure that the terms and conditions of its orders are being complied with, and the Commission uses the information to ensure appropriate compliance with the Act. The respondents are comprised of two groups of entities: (a) Registered holding companies under the Act and their direct and indirect subsidiaries and affiliates; and (b) holding companies exempt from the provisions of the Act